

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

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Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Loren Thompson on December 10, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Listing of claims:

1. **(currently amended)** A protocol embodying system converting user data into IP packets and converting IP packets into user data for mobile station communications across various networks, the protocol embodying system in GGSN (gateway GPRS supporting node) including a GPRS (general packet radio service) network which includes protocols of first and second network layers, and a protocol of a transfer layer wherein a PDN (public data network) is connected to the GPRS network in which the PDN uses the protocols of the first and second layers to transmit the IP packets to ~~the outside of~~ the GPRS network, the protocol embodying system comprising:

an IP layer provided between the GPRS network and the PDN, for performing inter-network routing between the two networks, and performing intra-network routing between the protocols of the first and second network layers and the transfer layer protocol on the GPRS network;

a GPRS tunneling protocol unit (GTP-U) interfaced to the IP layer, the GTP-U converting ~~back and forth~~ the IP packets into tunnel messages using a GPRS tunneling protocol and intra-network transmitting ~~back and forth~~ the tunnel messages using the IP layer between the GTP-U and the GGSN; and

a virtual driver provided on the lower part of the IP layer for performing inter-network routing of IP packets ~~back and forth~~ to the PDN via the IP layer and performing routing IP packets ~~back and forth~~ to the GTP-U from the virtual driver ~~wherein the virtual driver is operable as the lower interface of the IP layer.~~

2. (original) The protocol embodying system of claim 1, wherein the virtual driver is connected to the IP layer so that the IP packets are output to the PDN through the protocols of the first and second layers of the PDN when the data transmitted from the GPRS network are passed through the protocols of the first and second network layers and converted into the IP packets through the IP layer, the transfer layer, and the GPRS tunneling.
3. (currently amended) The protocol embodying system of claim 1, wherein the virtual driver is connected to the IP layer so that the IP packets are output to the GPRS network through the tunneling protocol of the GPRS network, the transfer protocol, the IP layer, and the protocols of the GPRS network ~~first and second layers~~ when the IP packets transmitted from the PDN are transmitted to the IP layer through the protocols of the first and second layers of the PDN.

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4. (original) The protocol embodying system of claim 1, wherein the virtual driver performs a reporting process with the IP in advance in order to process the dynamic and static addresses of the mobile stations belonging to the GGSN during the process of transmitting the IP packets provided from the PDN to the GPRS network.

5. **(currently amended)** A protocol embodying method in a GGSN gateway GPRS supporting node converting user data into IP packets and converting IP packets into user data for mobile station communications across various networks, comprising:

when receiving a first data unit at a GGSN from a GPRS (general packet radio service) network, transforming the first data unit into first tunneled message, and intra-network transmitting the first tunneled message using protocols of first and second layers of the GPRS network through an IP layer to a GPRS tunneling protocol unit (GTP-U);

allowing tunneling of the first tunneled message to be canceled at the GTP-U using a protocol of a transfer layer so that a first IP packet is generated from the first tunneled message to be directed to a virtual driver;

inter-network transmitting the first IP packet to the IP layer from the virtual driver, and allowing the IP layer to inter-network transmit the first IP packet to a corresponding node on the public data network (PDN);

allowing the PDN to output the received first IP packet to the outside through protocols of the first and second layers and to inter-network transmit a second IP packet to the IP layer; and

inter-network receiving the second IP packet from the IP layer with the virtual driver.

6. **(currently amended)** A protocol embodying method in a GGSN (general packet radio service) converting user data into IP packets and converting the IP packets into user data for mobile station communications across various networks, comprising:

inter-network receiving using a virtual driver of the GGSN an emitted IP packet from a PDN (public data network) from allowing the virtual driver to transmit the emitted IP packet to a GPRS tunneling protocol unit (GTP-U) of the GPRS (general packet radio service) network;

converting the transmitted IP packet into a tunneled message; and

intra-network outputting the tunneled message to the GPRS network through the IP layer using protocols of the first and second layers,

wherein the tunneled message is converted into user data through the transfer layer, the IP layer, and the protocols of the first and second layers.

7. **(currently amended)** The protocol embodying method of claim 6, ~~wherein~~ further comprising the step of allowing the virtual driver to inter-network transmit the IP packet through the IP layer after the virtual driver performs a reporting process with the IP layer in advance so that the virtual driver may process dynamic and static addresses of mobile stations belonging to the GGSN.

8. **(previously presented)** The protocol embodying method of claim 5 further comprising:

allowing the virtual driver to perform routing of the second IP packet from the outside to the GTP-U;

converting the second IP packet into a second tunneled message using the GTP-U and intra-network transferring the second tunneled message through the IP layer to the GPRS network; and

transforming the converted second tunneled message into a second data unit using the GPRS network.

9. (previously presented) The protocol embodying method of claim 6 further comprising:

when acquiring another user data at the GGSN from the GPRS network, intra-network sending out another message from the GGSN by tunneling the another user data into the another message using protocols of first and second network layers of the GPRS through the IP layer to the GTP-U, allowing tunneling of the another tunneled message to be canceled at the GTP-U to generate another IP packet to be directed to the virtual driver and inter-network routing the another IP packet through the IP layer with the virtual driver; and

inter-network transmitting the another IP packet through the IP layer using the virtual driver, and allowing the IP layer to inter-network transmit the another IP packet to a corresponding node on PDN.

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